

Minutes of the Maine Real Estate Commission

March 23, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Winfred Stevens, Chairman
David Kitchen, Vice-Chairman
Earl Black
Susan Lewis Hodgkins
Sharon Millett
Jeffrey Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT

Carol Leighton, Director
Karen Bivins, Deputy Director
Judy Phillips, Examiner
Marilyn Lugner, Education Coordinator
Susan Greenlaw, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Location: Central Conference Room

Start: 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: 11:55 a.m.

Agenda Modifications

A motion was made by Jeffrey Mitchell and seconded by Sharon Millett to add the following to the agenda. Unanimous.

- I. Proposed Consent Agreement - #2006-REC-2524
- II. January 13, 2006 Correspondence – James Hanson to Christine Bruenn
- III. Associate Broker Guidelines and Field Experience Checklist
- IV. Proposed Rule Comments from Rick Foster

A motion was made by Earl Black and seconded by David Kitchen to add the following to the agenda. Unanimous.

- I. Proposed Consent Agreement - #2006-REC-2500

Commission Minutes

A motion was made by Sharon Millett and seconded by Earl Black to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2006 meeting as written. Unanimous.

James Hansen – continuing education course approval process

Mr. Hansen presented comments regarding concerns with the Commission's decisions pertaining to correspondence internet continuing education courses provided by Signet Educational Systems. The Commission requested a legal opinion from the Attorney General's office and will schedule another session regarding this issue.

Proposed Rules Public Hearing

Chapters 360, 390, 400 & 410: Winfred Stevens opened the hearing for comments at 9:48 a.m. Following comments, the hearing was closed at 10:40 a.m. Written comments may be submitted until April 3, 2006. Comments received at the hearing and written comments received by the deadline will be reviewed that the Commission's April 12, 2006 meeting.

Dismissed Complaints

A motion was made by Sharon Millett and seconded by Susan Lewis Hodgkins to accept the Proposed Dismissals in case numbers 2004-REC-108, 2004-REC-118, 2004-REC-119, 2004-REC-149, 2005-REC-31, 2005-REC-46, 2005-REC-2297, 2006-REC-2446, 2006-REC-2448, and 2006-REC-2521. Unanimous.

2004-REC-85: David Kitchen recused and left the room. A motion was made by Jeffrey Mitchell and seconded by Susan Lewis Hodgkins to accept the Proposed Dismissal. Black, Hodgkins, Millett, Mitchell and Stevens voted in the affirmative; none opposed. Motion carried.

2006-REC-2426: Earl Black recused and left the room. A motion was made by Sharon Millett and seconded by Jeffrey Mitchell to accept the Proposed Dismissal. Hodgkins, Kitchen, Millett, Mitchell, and Stevens voted in the affirmative; none opposed. Motion carried.

Proposed Consent Agreements

A motion was made by Sharon Millett and seconded by Earl Black to accept the Proposed Consent Agreements in case numbers 2004-REC-50, 2004-REC-134, 2006-REC-2467, 2006-REC-2479, 2006-REC-2497, and 2006-REC-2500. Unanimous.

2005-REC-47(A) and 2005-REC-47(B): Earl Black recused and left the room. A motion was made by Jeffrey Mitchell and seconded by Sharon Millett to accept the Proposed Consent Agreements. Hodgkins, Kitchen, Millett, Mitchell, and Stevens voted in the affirmative; none opposed. Motion carried.

2006-REC-2388 and 2006-REC-2524: David Kitchen recused and left the room. A motion was made by Sharon Millett and seconded by Jeffrey Mitchell to accept the Proposed Consent Agreements. Black, Hodgkins, Millett, Mitchell, and Stevens voted in the affirmative; none opposed. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Danielle Kenney – Request for extension of fine payment: A motion was made by Sharon Millett and seconded by Earl Black to grant her request. Unanimous.

Education

Associate broker course outline – Update: The Associate Broker Committee met on March 20. A motion was made by Sharon Millett and seconded by Earl Black to accept the 60-hour outline and to support the concept of 40 hours of field experience. Unanimous.

Core Course – Update: The Core Course Committee is scheduled to meet on March 31. Instructor training will be mandatory. If an instructor is not able to take the training, he/she will be required to take the core course.

Instructor Training – new sales agent and associate broker course outlines: Instructor training will be offered, however, may not be mandatory.

Designated broker course outline – Status: Ongoing agenda item.

Director's Report

Identity Theft – news item from the Real Estate Council of British Columbia: Discussed a warning submitted by the Council regarding identity theft and how it affects the brokerage industry.

Next Meeting Scheduled for April 12, 2006

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

This report respectfully submitted,

Winfred A. Stevens
Chairman

Carol J. Leighton
Director